

(3) when was Mr. M. A. Vareed appointed as Tahsildar of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk;

(4) whether he has served as Revenue Inspector at any time and if so, when and for what period;

(5) whether he has passed the Survey test;

(6) what, if any, are the special qualifications of Mr. M. A. Vareed to be appointed to that post;

(7) whether in making this appointment the Government has overlooked the claims of others in service who possess similar qualifications and have put in more service;

(8) if the answer to sub-section 7 is in the affirmative, the names and number of such persons?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) & (2) The order has not been cancelled. But it can be given effect to only after the scheme sanctioned in the Diwan's Proceedings works for a sufficiently long time and after a sufficient number of officers otherwise qualified for Tahsildarship has worked as Revenue Inspectors for 3 years. In the meanwhile, a transitory arrangement has been ordered. The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 51 (a).

(3) On 11th Karkadagam 1106.

(4) No.

(5) No; but he will be given a course of training in Survey soon.

(6) He has passed the Revenue and Account Tests and is young and physically fit for executive work.

(7) No.

(8) The question does not arise.

Road from Chenam to Cherpu.

137. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of the Chenam Desom in Karlam Village for connecting that desom with Cherpu by a road and if so what action, if any, have they taken upon it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The matter is being investigated.

General Hospital—Store-room.

138. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medicines in the store of the General Hospital, Ernakulam, are heaped together on the open verandah of the store-room;

(b) whether it is a fact that one particular ward is so constructed that during monsoon time it is very difficult to accommodate the patients satisfactorily;

(c) whether the Government intend to extend the store-room, and if so, when;

(d) whether any schemes of improvement of the General Hospital are under contemplation and if so, what are they;

(e) whether the labour ward meets the requirements of the population now?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) It is true that some of the drugs are kept in boxes unopened on the store verandah and that of the X-Ray building for want of space in the stores.

(b) The isolation ward has asbestos sheeting on all sides, but due to spray beating during monsoon some difficulty is felt by the inmates. This has been brought to the notice of the Government and orders have been passed to protect the uncovered opening.

(c) The proposal for construction of a new store-room has been brought to the notice of the Government and the same will be put up in the near future when funds permit.

(d) Yes; proposals for improvements are before the Government. These are :—

1. Construction of a labour and maternity ward ;
2. A children's ward;
3. A Laboratory;
4. An Out-patient department;
5. Extension to Nurses' Quarters;
6. Resident Medical Officer's Quarters;
7. General Medical Stores;
8. Extension of the X-Ray building for electrotherapeutic department;
9. An operation theatre for septic cases;
10. Administration block;
11. A cow shed.

(e) No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(a) How long has this practice of keeping the drugs in boxes unopened on the store verandah and that of the X-Ray building been going on?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—For the last three or four, years.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was that fact brought to the notice of the Government within that period?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is that store room the general medical stores for the entire Cochin State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was built as a small reserve store and also of the General Hospital about 30 years ago. But since then the number of institutions has increased and there is a larger supply. So there is not enough space.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is the efficacy of the medicines lost by keeping them unopened in the store verandah?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We take care that only such of the medicines as will not be spoiled are kept there.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b) When was this ward constructed, please?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—About three years ago.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—And was not this inconvenience felt for the past three years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Two monsoons have come after that and it was reported.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—When was that first brought to the notice of the Government and why that building has not been repaired yet?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—So far as I know, I brought it to the notice of the Government last year and orders have been passed.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c) When was it brought to notice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Last year.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has any necessary amount been sanctioned for the same?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Last year there was a small provision made for extending the store-room, but subsequently to that proposal it was brought before the Government that a big store-room is necessary. For this provisions could not be made.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—I take it that at least within two years the whole thing will be set right.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is hoped so.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(d) Were these proposals for improvements made by the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not aware of the proposals made by my predecessor but some of these were made by him. The whole of these 11 items were proposed by me.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—When some proposals were made by your predecessor and others by the present Chief Medical Officer, was the attention of the Government drawn to the immediate necessity of effecting certain immediate repairs in cases of emergency?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, and some of them have been carried out.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Hon'ble Member please see that other things also are carried out as soon as possible?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, it will be done.

Accumulation of wealth—Social menace.

139. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware that the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few has brought into the political arena of this country a fanatic section advocating fantastically primitive reduction of human wants ;

(b) whether they are aware that the causes indicated in (a) have also begotten a section of violent anarchists of political agitators ;

(c) whether they are aware that both the classes of social maniacs in (a) and (b) are exploiting the allegation that the present machinery of Government is in alliance with the rich against the poor ;

(d) what programme of constructive work the Government entertain to prevent the social menaces, indicated in (a), (b) and (c) from taking root in the State ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) The question does not arise in view of the above answers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) What do you say to Mahatma Gandhi's school of thought ?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But he has answered 'no', 'no'. That means he denies the existence of such things. Is it a fact that such people do not exist ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Members be a little more alert about these ?

President.—Any other supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) What do you say of Bhagat Singh's school of thought ? Do such people exist ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Members be a little more alert in giving information in future ?